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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following reference was cited on pages 1-2 in the specification of the above-identified application:

EP 240,213

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding Swedish application. The following references were cited:

U.S. Patent 5,653,704;

U.S. Patent 5,399,219;

EP 1084687; and

U.S. Patent 5,865,825

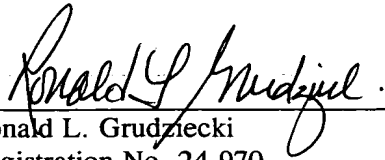
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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